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Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen,

The health of the district continues in its satisfactory state, as will be seen from Tables of statistics in the report.

Infectious disease presented no special problems. Measles is the main infectious disease reported and continues to show a variation in numbers from year to year, as can be expected. More children are being immunised against this disease, and it can be expected that the numbers will lessen in years to come.

No serious outbreak of food poisoning occurred. Prepacking of foodstuffs helps to reduce contamination by dust and flies, but there is still room for considerable improvement in retail shops for protecting uncovered food exposed for sale. In warm weather bacteria multiply very rapidly in certain foods, after being contaminated by flies. Many shops keep such foodstuffs in cooled covered containers, but unfortunately many do not.

One of the penalties of progress in industrial development is an increase in the amount of noise which the community has to face. Growing public concern resulted in the passing of the Noise Abatement Act in 1960. Various Committees have also studied the problem of noise in relation to Aircraft and Industry. It is difficult to assess the effects of noise on the health of the individual as a noise which is intolerable to one person may be acceptable by another. When noise results in prolonged loss of sleep, their health can be affected. If one defines health as a sense of "well-being" mentally and physically and not merely a freedom from disease then noise detracts from people's well-being and in that sense health can be affected.

When complaints are made by the Department, the operators are usually willing to co-operate to reduce the noise as far as is practicable, but it is very difficult to eliminate the noise completely.

Domestic noise can be a nuisance to occupants of neighbouring houses, such as a high pitched whine from spin driers, loud radios and barking dogs. Willing co-operation on everyone's part can do a great deal to reduce the problem of noise.

Environmental Pollution is receiving considerable attention today.

Smoke pollution is not a serious problem in the district. Some industries tend to produce dust and unpleasant fumes; the nuisance being largely dependent on the direction of the wind and careful supervision is required to ensure that no toxic fumes are released into the atmosphere.

The demand for water can be expected to increase considerably in the future and it is essential that the pollution of waterways be kept to a minimum.

The River Authorities set standards for the effluent discharged into waterways. Animal and plant life in water will be seriously affected if effluents remove oxygen from waterways. It is to be hoped that this form of pollution will be very much reduced in the future so that our rivers become once again clean and wholesome.

I thank the Committee for their interest and help during the year, and the Staff for their conscientious work and loyalty in maintaining the efficiency of the Department.

I am,

Your obedient Servant

GEORGE R. THORPE

Medical Officer of Health.

SECTION I

SOCIAL CONDITIONS

1. Climatology

I am indebted to Mr. B.R. Short, M.A., Headmaster, Borden Grammar School, for his kind co-operation in allowing the following details to be included in this Report from the information recorded at his School in connection with local climatic conditions during the Year under review.

Rainfall - a total of 580 mm. was recorded in the Urban District as compared with 660 mm. recorded in 1971. The heaviest rainfall was 26 mm. on 1st August, and the wettest month was January when the rainfall recorded amounted to 83 mm.

Fog occurred on 6 occasions, as compared with 18 occasions in the previous Year.

Snow - during the Year there was 1 fall of Snow locally. This occurred on 14th February, when a depth of 2 inches was recorded.

Temperatures dropped below freezing point on 15 occasions (6 in January; 2 in February; 1 in March and 6 in December), as compared with 31 occasions in the previous Year.

Hottest Day - 14th July, when a temperature of 28°C. was recorded.

Coldest Day - 31st January, when a temperature of -11°C. was recorded.

Wind Speed - the Windiest Month of the Year was April, when the following speeds were recorded; 2 days of Force 3; 11 days of Force 4; 5 days of Force 5 and 1 day of Force 7.

The Calmest Month of the Year was October, when the following speeds were recorded: 16 days of Force 1; 6 days of Force 2 and 5 days of Force 3.

Wind Direction - The figures recorded (excluding July and August) were as follows:-

South West - 58 days;	South - 41 days;	West - 41 days;
North East - 33 days;	East - 29 days;	North - 26 days;
North West - 25 days;	South East - 23 days;	No Wind - 26 days.

Monthly rainfall readings over the past six Years are shown in Appendix "A" and Appendix "B" shows the monthly maximum and minimum temperatures for the Years 1969, 1970, 1971 and 1972.

2. Area in Acres

Land and Inland Water 4,935

No change.

3. Population

The estimated mid-Year Population for 1972, as given by the Registrar-General, was 31,960, an increase of 780 against the mid-Year Population for 1971.

4. Number of Inhabited Houses

The number of inhabited houses at the end of 1972 was 10,650.

5. Rateable Value

The rateable value at 31st December, 1972 was £1,614,135 as compared with £1,564.225 at the end of 1971.

6. Sum Representing Penny Rate

The sum representing a 1p rate in 1972 was £15,700.

SECTION II

VITAL STATISTICS

1. Births

The number of Births registered during 1972 was 644, as compared with 653 in the previous Year.

The number of Births each Year for the period from 1961 to 1972 inclusive will be seen upon reference to the details contained in Table III.

(a) Live Births

	Males	Females	Totals
Legitimate	325 (342)	273 (284)	598 (626)*
Illegitimate	24 (15)	22 (12)	46 (27)
Totals	349 (357)	295 (296)	644 (653)

The percentage of illegitimate births was 7 as against 4% in 1971.

(b) Birth Rate

The crude Birth Rate per 1,000 of the Population was 20.1 in 1972, as against 20.9 in 1971. Figures for the Years from 1961 to date will be seen upon reference to the details contained in Table III.

The corrected Birth Rate is 17.7 as compared with 14.8 per thousand for England and Wales as a whole.

(c) Still-Births

3 Still-Births occurred during the Year. This compares with 4 in 1971.

The Still-Birth rate per 1,000 total Live and Still-Births was 5 as compared with 12 per thousand for England and Wales as a whole.

There were no illegitimate Still-Births during the Year.

* Figures in brackets relate to the preceding Year.

2. Deaths

(a) The number of Deaths occurring in and assignable to the Urban District during 1972 was 382. This figure represents 211 males and 171 females.

Figures for previous Years back to 1961 may be seen upon reference to the details contained in Table III.

Of the 382 Deaths assigned to Sittingbourne during 1972, a total of 175 occurred in Milton Hospital, but only 59 of these were actually persons previously resident in the Urban District.

The average age of death was 71.0, being 67.9 for males and 74.6 for females. The oldest death was a female aged 96 years. The average age of death during 1971 was 71.7, being 67.5 for males and 75.5 for females.

The following Table shows the age groups in which the Deaths occurred.

TABLE I

Sex	Under 1 Year	1-	5-	15-	25-	35-	45-	55-	65-	75 and Over
Males ...	6	2	2	2	-	1	13	39	64	82
Females ...	2	-	-	-	2	1	7	20	43	96
Totals	8	2	2	2	2	2	20	59	107	178

(b) Death Rate

The crude death rate for 1972 was 12.0 per 1,000 of the population, as compared with 11.4 per 1,000 in the preceding Year. The figures for previous Years back to 1961 are included in Table III.

The corrected death rate is 11.3 per 1,000, as compared with 12.1 per 1,000 for England and Wales as a whole.

(c) The causes of Death classified by the Registrar-General are set out in Table II below:-

TABLE II

Cause	Males	Females	Total
Enteritis and Other Diarrhoeal Diseases ...	1	-	1
Late Effects of Respiratory Tuberculosis ..	1	1	2
Syphilis and its Sequelae	1	-	1
Malignant Neoplasm, Oesophagus	1	1	2
Malignant Neoplasm, Stomach	2	1	3
Malignant Neoplasm, Intestine	2	7	9
Malignant Neoplasm, Lung, Bronchus	17	4	21
Malignant Neoplasm, Breast	-	7	7
Malignant Neoplasm, Uterus	-	2	2
Malignant Neoplasm, Prostate	4	-	4
Leukaemia	1	-	1
Other Malignant Neoplasms	19	4	23
Benign and Unspecified Neoplasms	1	-	1
Diabetes Mellitus	2	7	9
Other Endocrine Etc. Diseases	-	3	3
Anaemias	1	-	1
Meningitis	1	-	1
Multiple Sclerosis	1	-	1
Other Diseases of Nervous System	2	3	5
Hypertensive Disease	6	3	9
Ischaemic Heart Disease	49	35	84
Other Forms of Heart Disease	8	10	18
Cerebrovascular Disease	25	38	63
Other Diseases of Circulatory System ...	8	9	17
Influenza	4	6	10
Pneumonia	17	8	25
Bronchitis and Emphysema	13	5	18
Other Diseases of Respiratory System ...	1	2	3
Peptic Ulcer	1	4	5
Intestinal Obstruction and Hernia	1	-	1
Cirrhosis of Liver	1	1	2
Other Diseases of Digestive System	2	2	4
Hyperplasia of Prostate	2	-	2
Other Diseases, Genito-Urinary System ...	3	3	6
Diseases of Skin, Subcutaneous Tissue ...	1	-	1
Diseases of Musculo-Skeletal System ...	-	1	1
Birth Injury, Difficult Labour, etc. ...	3	-	3
Other Causes of Perinatal Mortality ...	2	-	2
Motor Vehicle Accidents	4	1	5
All Other Accidents	3	3	6
Total All Causes	211	171	382

(d) The following Table gives details of deaths, births and infantile mortality for the period 1962 to 1972 inclusive.

TABLE III

Year	Population	Deaths		Births					Infant Mortality			
		Number of Deaths at all Ages	Crude Death Rate per 1,000 of the Population	Legitimate	Illegitimate	Total	Crude Birth Rate per 1,000 of the Population	Still-Births	Legitimate	Illegitimate	Total	Deaths of Infants under 1 Yr. of Age per 1,000 Births
1962	24,270	322	13.2	405	18	423	17.4	11	7	1	8	18.8
1963	24,700	322	13.0	455	22	477	19.3	7	3	-	3	6.2
1964	25,480	337	13.2	477	25	502	19.7	2	11	-	11	21.9
1965	26,470	333	12.5	511	26	537	20.2	6	9	1	10	18.6
1966	27,310	348	12.7	540	30	570	20.8	12	3	2	5	8.7
1967	28,470	307	10.8	522	25	547	19.2	8	11	-	11	20.1
1968	29,910	396	13.2	585	33	618	20.7	7	8	2	10	16.1
1969	30,820	343	11.1	615	25	640	20.8	5	8	-	8	13.0
1970	31,440	365	11.6	653	34	687	21.9	6	5	-	5	7.0
1971	31,180	355	11.4	626	27	653	20.9	4	9	-	9	14.0
1972	31,960	382	12.0	595	46	641	20.1	3	7	1	8	12.0

3. Infantile Mortality

(a) 8 deaths of Infants under one Year of age were recorded during the Year under review, as compared with 9 deaths in 1971.

The infant mortality rate for the Year was 12 per thousand live births. The rate for 1971 was 14 per thousand. The rates for previous Years may be seen upon reference to Table III.

Of the 8 deaths recorded, 5 were infants under four weeks of age, resulting in a Neo-Natal mortality rate of 8 per thousand live births as compared with that for England and Wales as a whole of 12 per thousand live births.

The Perinatal Mortality Rate was 12 per thousand total live and still-births, as compared with 22 for England and Wales as a whole.

The Maternal Mortality was - Nil.

(b) The detailed causes of death among infants during 1972 were as follows:-

TABLE IV

Cause	Sex	Age at Death	Place of Birth	Place of Death
Gross Prematurity (26 weeks Gestation); Breech Delivery	M	1½ hours	Hospital	Hospital
Primary Pulmonary Atelectasis; Prematurity	M	5 hours	Hospital	Hospital
Prematurity	M	21 hours	Hospital	Hospital
Respiratory Distress Syndrome; Prematurity; Placental Insufficiency	M	1 day	Hospital	Hospital
Cerebral Haemorrhage; Respiratory Distress; Prematurity 27/52 Gestation ...	M	3 days	Hospital	Hospital
Bronchiolitis	F	4 months	Home	Home
Broncho-Pneumonia; Otitis-Media	F	4 months	Home	Home
Acute tracheo Bronchitis	M	6 months	Home	Home

SECTION III

INFECTIOUS AND OTHER DISEASES

THEIR PREVALENCE AND CONTROL

1. Notifiable Diseases - Incidence

During the Year, the Department received 101 notifications of cases of notifiable diseases, as occurring in the Urban District. The figures for the past ten Years are detailed in Table VIII.

The incidence of these notified cases in each Quarter of the Year was as follows:-

1st Quarter - 4; 2nd Quarter - 22; 3rd Quarter - 70; 4th Quarter - 5.

The main causes of notification were Measles (91) and Scarlet Fever (5).

39 of the cases of Measles notified were Children under School Age and 52 were School Children.

5 cases of Scarlet Fever were notified as compared with 33 cases in the previous Year. Of these 5 cases, 2 were Children under School Age and 3 were School Children.

The case of Bacterial Meningitis notified was a Female, a School Child aged 15 years. The case was admitted to St. Bartholomew's Hospital, Rochester.

The case of Infective Jaundice was a Male aged 24 years.

No cases of Food Poisoning were notified during the Year.

Details of the 3 cases of Tuberculosis notified are shown in Tables VI and IX.

(a) The total number of cases occurring, number of cases admitted to Hospital and the total Deaths from each disease, as shown in the Registrar-General's classification of Deaths, are shown in the following Table:-

TABLE V

Disease	Number of Cases		Admissions to Hospital or Sanitorium		Deaths	
Scarlet Fever	5	(33)	-	(-)	-	(-)*
Measles	91	(194)	-	(1)	-	(-)
Whooping Cough	-	(5)	-	(-)	-	(-)
Tuberculosis -						
Pulmonary	3	(3)	2	(2)	-	(-)
Non-Pulmonary ...	-	(1)	-	(-)	-	(-)
Infective Jaundice ...	1	(-)	-	(-)	-	(-)
Bacterial Meningitis ...	1	(2)	1	(2)	-	(-)
Totals	101	(238)	3	(5)	-	(-)

* Figures in brackets relate to the preceding Year.

(b) The distribution by age group of the cases notified is shown in Table VI thus:-

TABLE VI

Disease	Under 1 Yr.	1 - 3	3 - 5	5 - 10	10 - 15	15 - 25	25 - 35	35 - 45	45 - 60	60 and Over	Totals
Scarlet Fever	-	1	1	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	5
Measles	2	18	20	50	1	-	-	-	-	-	91
Bacterial Meningitis ...	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	1
Tuberculosis - Pulmonary	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	1	3
Infective Jaundice ...	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	1
Totals	2	19	21	53	1	2	-	1	1	1	101

(c) The monthly incidence of Notifiable Infectious Diseases (other than Tuberculosis) in the Urban District during 1972, is shown in the following Table:-

TABLE VII

Disease	January	February	March	April	May	June	July	August	September	October	November	December	Totals
Scarlet Fever ...	1	1	1	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	1	-	5
Measles	-	-	-	-	2	17	45	23	1	1	-	2	91
Bacterial Meningitis	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
Infective Jaundice	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
Totals	1	2	1	-	2	19	45	23	1	1	1	2	98

(d) Table VIII shows the number of cases of Infectious Disease notified each Year during the past ten Years.

TABLE VIII

Disease	1963	1964	1965	1966	1967	1968	1969	1970	1971	1972
Scarlet Fever ...	12	8	38	39	15	15	4	30	33	5
Measles	54	1134	64	590	279	262	45	223	194	91
Whooping Cough ...	6	18	3	7	5	6	-	2	5	-
Food Poisoning ...	-	-	8	-	1	1	-	-	-	-
Dysentery	1	-	-	-	1	-	-	2	-	-
Typhoid and Para-Typhoid Fever ...	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	1	-	-
Puerperal Fever) Puerperal Pyrexia)	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	-
Poliomyelitis ...	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Bacterial Meningitis ...	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	2	2	1
Malaria	-	-	-	-	3	-	-	-	-	-
Infective Jaundice	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	3	-	1

2. Tuberculosis

3 new cases of Tuberculosis were notified during the Year.

The age groups in which these new cases occurred are shown in Table IX below.

Table X gives a summary of cases on the Tuberculosis Register during the Year under review.

TABLE IX

Age Groups of New Cases of Tuberculosis Notified during 1972

Age Group	Type	Total	Male	Female
Under 1 Year	-	-	-	-
1 Year	-	-	-	-
2 - 4	-	-	-	-
5 - 9	-	-	-	-
10 - 14	-	-	-	-
15 - 19	-	-	-	-
20 - 24	-	-	-	-
25 - 34	-	-	-	-
35 - 44	Pulmonary	1	-	1
45 - 54	Pulmonary	1	1	-
55 - 64	-	-	-	-
65 - 74	-	-	-	-
75 and Over	Pulmonary	1	1	-
Totals		3	2	1

TABLE X

Summary of Tuberculosis Register

Details	Pulmonary	Non-Pulmonary	Total
On Register on 1st January, 1972	195	16	211
Add: Notified as 'New' Cases	3	-	3
Transferred to District	1	-	1
	199	16	215
Deduct: No. of Cases Died	3	-	3
No. of Cases Removed from District	4	2	6
Balance remaining on Register on 31st December, 1972	192	14	206

Dr. B. Roberts, the Chest Physician at the Chest Clinic, Keycol Hospital, has very kindly given me, once again, information regarding Tubercular Patients in the Urban District. I am very grateful for these details, which are set out below.

3 new Cases were notified during the Year, all being of the Pulmonary type. 2 of these Cases were admitted to Keycol Hospital. Details of the Cases will be seen upon reference to Table IX.

It will be noted from Table X that a total of 207 Cases (192 Pulmonary and 14 non-Pulmonary) remained on the Register at the end of the Year under review.

During the Year, Patients and Contacts from the Urban District attended the Chest Clinic at Keycol Hospital, as follows:-

Number of Attendances made by Patients	895	(908)*
Number of Attendances made by Contacts	747	(720)

The number of X-Ray Films taken at the Chest Clinic during the Year was 1,092 as compared with 1,006 Films in the previous Year.

Mass Radiography Service

Units of the Mass Radiography Service of the South-East Metropolitan Hospital Board, from Oakwood Hospital, Maidstone, continued to visit the Urban District (being sited in the Car Park, Council Offices, off Avenue of Remembrance) on the 2nd and 4th Wednesday of each month from 10.15 to 11 a.m.

As a result of these visits, a total number of 923 Films were taken by the end of the Year and this figure was made up as follows:-

	Totals	Males	Females
Cases referred by General Practitioners	126	68	58
M.O.H. Patients	7	3	4
Essential Users	134	22	112
General Public	656	243	413
Totals	923	336	587

In addition, two independent visits were made to certain Firms in the District, during the Year, when 329 persons passed through the Units, being 177 Males and 152 Females.

Care Committee for Tuberculosis and Chest Diseases

The Twenty-Seventh Annual Report of the Sittingbourne, Milton and District Care Committee shows that assistance was given in 20 Cases during the Year under review and that the sum of £150.37 was expended on providing fuel, heating and lighting, nourishment, extras at Christmas, making cash allowances for outstanding grocery accounts etc., payment of fares and providing Holidays for 5 Adults. In addition, Christmas Food Hampers were provided in 3 Cases and many other Cases were provided with bedding, clothing and fuel, all of which was given by many local people.

During the Year, 6 new Cases were reported to the Care Committee, through the Chest Clinic at Keycol Hospital, of which 5 were non-Tuberculous. At the end of the Year 34 Cases were on the Current Register - 11 being non-Tuberculous.

The following Table XI gives details of Notifications received, Deaths and the Death rate per 1,000 of the Population, for both Pulmonary and non-Pulmonary Cases, during the Period from 1952 to 1972 inclusive.

TABLE XI

Year	Number of Primary Notifications Received		Deaths		Death Rate per 10,000 of Population	
	Pulmonary	Non-Pulmonary	Pulmonary	Non-Pulmonary	Pulmonary	Non-Pulmonary
1952	17	1	3	1	1.3	0.4
1953	16	-	4	-	1.8	-
1954	19	3	-	1	-	0.4
1955	19	1	2	-	0.9	-
1956	15	-	3	1	1.3	0.4
1957	27	-	-	-	-	-
1958	17	1	5	-	2.2	-
1959	4	1	-	1	-	0.4
1960	8	1	-	-	-	-
1961	9	3	-	-	-	-
1962	9	2	1	-	0.4	-
1963	13	-	1	-	0.4	-
1964	2	1	-	-	-	-
1965	7	1	-	-	-	-
1966	6	-	-	-	-	-
1967	7	-	1	-	0.3	-
1968	7	1	-	-	-	-
1969	1	-	-	-	-	-
1970	4	-	1	-	0.3	-
1971	3	1	-	-	-	-
1972	3	-	2	-	0.6	-

3. Venereal Diseases

I am indebted to Dr. C. D. Routh, Director and Medical Officer in charge of the Special Clinic in Rochester, for the following information regarding New Cases from this Urban District during the Year.

Disease	Males	Females	Total
Syphilis	-	-	-
Gonorrhoea	6	4	10
Other Genital Infections	11	12	23
Other Conditions	15	8	23
Totals	32	24	56

New Cases occurring in previous Years were as follows:-

Year	New Cases	Year	New Cases
1971	47	1960	17
1970	19	1959	15
1969	44	1958	17
1968	25	1957	19
1967	23	1956	26
1966	25	1955	16
1965	33	1954	23
1964	28	1953	11
1963	20	1952	7
1962	16	1951	13
1961	24		

4. Vaccinations and Immunisations

The County Medical Officer (Dr. A. Elliott) has very kindly supplied the following details in connection with Immunisations and Vaccinations.

(a) Diphtheria/Whooping Cough/Tetanus

During the Year the following cases were protected:-

Year of Birth	Primary			Reinforcing		
	Triple Antigen	Diph./ Tet.	Tetanus	Triple Antigen	Diph./ Tet.	Tetanus
1972	11	-	1	-	-	-
1971	418	15	-	-	-	-
1970	159	2	-	63	1	-
1969	6	6	-	28	2	3
1968	-	-	-	2	45	2
1967	1	-	-	17	406	3
1965 - 1966	1	1	4	3	63	12
1956 - 1964	-	2	22	1	41	426
Totals	596	26	27	114	558	446

(b) Vaccination against Measles

During the Year the following cases were protected:-

Year of Birth	Number of Cases Vaccinated
1972	2
1971	70
1970	219
1969	51
1968	34
1967	9
1965 - 1966	2
1956 - 1964	-
Total	387

(c) Vaccination against Rubella

During the Year the following cases were protected:-

Year of Birth ... ... 1956 - 1964.
Number of Cases Vaccinated ... ... 440.

(d) Vaccination against Poliomyelitis

During the Year the following cases were protected:-

Year of Birth	Primary	Reinforcing
1972	11	-
1971	435	-
1970	179	-
1969	15	-
1968	1	48
1967	-	442
1965 - 1966	-	57
1956 - 1964	-	455
Totals	641	1,002

5. International Certificates of Vaccination

During the Year, 912 International Certificates of Vaccination were presented to the Department by local people leaving the Country, for the Medical Officer of Health to authenticate the signatures of the Doctors concerned. This figure compares with 936 in the previous Year and 637 in 1970.

SECTION IV

GENERAL PROVISIONS OF HEALTH SERVICES IN THE AREA

1. National Health Services

Local Authority Health Services under the National Health Services Act are provided and administered by the Kent County Council as the local Health Authority. These Services include the Care of Mothers and Young Children; the provision of Midwives; Health Visiting and Home Nursing; Vaccination and Immunisation; Prevention of Illness; Care and After-Care and Domestic Help Services.

Child Health, School Health and Dental Clinics are held at Sutton House, London Road, Sittingbourne (Tel.No: Sittingbourne 3313).

The Social Services Welfare local Office of the Kent County Council, which includes the Domestic Help Service, is in the County Divisional Offices, Remembrance Avenue, Sittingbourne (Tel.No: Sittingbourne 73333).

CLINICS HELD IN THE URBAN DISTRICT - Provided and administered by the Kent County Council under the National Health Service Act:

(a) At Sutton House, London Road, Sittingbourne (Tel.No: Sittingbourne 3313)

1. Child Health Clinics

   Tuesdays - 2 to 4 p.m.
   Advice and guidance available on problems concerning Children up to the age of five years. Doctors and Health Visitors in attendance.

2. Cytology Clinics

   2nd and 4th Wednesday in each Month (by Appointment as required).

3. Minor Ailments Clinics

   2nd and 4th Monday in each Month - 3.45 to 4.30 p.m.

4. Dental Clinics

   (by Appointment - Tel.No: Sittingbourne 3314).

5. Opthalmic Clinics

   Wednesdays - 9.30 a.m. (by Appointment).

6. Chiropody Clinics

   Monday and Wednesday - 9.30 a.m. to 11 a.m. (by Appointment).

(b) Child Health Clinics are also held in other parts of the Urban District, as follows:-

1. At the Congregational Hall, Crown Road, Milton Regis

   1st, 3rd and 5th Thursday in each Month - from 2 to 4 p.m.
   Doctor and Health Visitor in attendance.
   (For the benefit of Mothers and Children residing in the Milton and Kemsley areas).

2. At the Old Welfare Hall, Church Road, Murston

Wednesdays - from 2 to 4 p.m.
Doctor and Health Visitor in attendance.
(For the benefit of Mothers and Children residing in the Murston and Canterbury Road areas).

(c) Other Clinics

1. The Health and Welfare Department of the Kent County Council has arranged for Clinics for the taking of Cervical Smears to be held at Sutton House. Forms for appointments at these Clinics can be obtained from the Child Health Clinics at Sutton House; from the Health Department, Council Offices, Central Avenue, Sittingbourne or from a person's own Doctor.

2. The Relaxation and Mothercraft Classes for Expectant Mothers are now held in the Town Hall, Central Avenue, Sittingbourne, each Thursday, from 9.15 a.m. until 11.15 a.m.

3. A Family Planning Clinic is held at Sutton House each Thursday, from 6.30 p.m. until 8 p.m., and on the 1st and 3rd Tuesday morning of each Month from 9 a.m. until 12 noon. Family Planning Clinics are also held at Minster Hospital (Tel.No: Sheppey 2116) and at Cambridge House, 4 Mansion Row, Brompton, Gillingham (Tel.No: Medway 43759).

(d) Vaccinations and Immunisations

Vaccinations and Immunisations are given, with Doctor's consent, at all Child Health Clinics, as follows:-

At 6 months, 8 months and 14 months - Triple injections against Diphtheria, Whooping Cough and Tetanus. 'Booster' Triple injections at 5 years.

At 6 months, 8 months and 14 months - and again at 5 years - Protection against Poliomyelitis, by Oral Vaccine.

From 1 to 7 years - Vaccination against Measles.

Other persons seeking protection against Poliomyelitis, should make arrangements through their own Doctor.

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The Health Visitors (Kent County Council Staff) at Sutton House, cover the Urban District of Sittingbourne and Milton. These Health Visitors have also been seconded to various groups of Doctors in the area.

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Mental Welfare is provided by the Regional Hospital Board for patients from the Urban District, at 13 South Road, Faversham. The Sessions for the Clinics are held on Wednesdays at 2 p.m.

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A School for Handicapped Children is held at the Bobbing Training Centre, Village Hall, Bobbing.

2. Hospitals and Nursing Homes

(i) Hospitals

There are two Hospitals in the Urban District, as follows:-

(a) Memorial Hospital, Bell Road, Sittingbourne (Tel.No: Sitt.72019)

The visiting hours at this Hospital are:-

Sunday	-	2.30 p.m. - 3.30 p.m., and 7.30 p.m. - 8.30 p.m.
Monday	-	7.30 p.m. - 8.30 p.m.
Tuesday	-	7.30 p.m. - 8.30 p.m.
Wednesday	-	2.30 p.m. - 3.30 p.m., and 7.30 p.m. - 8.30 p.m.
Thursday	-	7.30 p.m. - 8.30 p.m.
Friday	-	7.30 p.m. - 8.30 p.m.
Saturday	-	2.30 p.m. - 3.30 p.m., and 7.30 p.m. - 8.30 p.m.

Children are admitted during the afternoon Visiting Periods on Saturdays and Sundays.

(b) Milton Hospital, North Street, Milton Regis (Tel.No: Sitt. 3168)

This Hospital provides facilities for the Infirm and Chronic Sick and also has a separate Residential Section for Aged People at Court Regis, North Street, Milton Regis (Tel.No: Sitt. 3485).

Cases of Infectious Disease other than Tuberculosis are admitted to Joyce Green Hospital, Dartford (Tel.No: Dartford 23231).

Patients suffering from Tuberculosis are admitted for treatment at Keycol Hospital, Keycol Hill, Nr. Sittingbourne (Tel.No: Newington 2222). This Hospital is situated on the main London Road, just outside the Urban District boundary. At this Hospital there is also a Chest Clinic (Tel.No: Newington 387) at which out-patients suffering from Tuberculosis and other associated Chest complaints, attend for X-Ray and periodic examination by the Consultant Chest Physician.

(ii) Nursing Homes

There are no Registered Nursing Homes situated within the Urban District.

3. School Health Services

I am indebted to Dr. A. Elliott, the Principal School Medical Officer, for once again kindly providing the following summary of the return on School Health Services for the Year 1972, for the Area comprising the Boroughs of Faversham and Queenborough-in-Sheppey, the Urban District of Sittingbourne and Milton and the Rural District of Swale.

(a) Routine School Medical Inspections

Number of Pupils Inspected	3,250
Physical Condition of Pupils Inspected:-	
Satisfactory	3,250
Unsatisfactory	-

(In addition, 1,637 Children received tests of vision and hearing only)

(b) Special Inspections

Number of Pupils Inspected	96
Number of Pupils Re-Inspected	1,006

(c) Number of Pupils found to require treatment 793

(d) Treatment of Pupils

(i) Minor Ailments

Skin Diseases	-
Eye Defects ... ... (External and other, but excluding errors of refraction, squint and cases admitted to Hospital)	-
Ear Defects	-
Minor Injuries, Bruises, Sores, etc.	-

(ii) Defective Vision and Squint

Errors of Refraction (including squint)	1,118
Other Defects or Diseases of the Eye	7
Number of Pupils for whom Spectacles were prescribed	329

(e) Dental Inspection and Treatment

Number Inspected by Dental Officers	2,284
Number found requiring treatment	1,322
Number offered treatment	1,040
Number actually treated	1,584
Number of attendances for treatment	4,211
Half-Days devoted to:	
A. Periodic (School) Inspections	6
B. Treatment	828
Number of Teeth Filled	2,998
Number of Teeth Extracted	849
Administration of general anaesthetics for extraction ..	422
Other Operations (Permanent and Temporary Teeth) ...	1,220

(f) Infestation with Vermin

Number of Examinations of Pupils in Schools by the School Nurses or other Authorised Persons	17,975
Number of Individual Pupils found to be infested ...	92
Number of Individual Pupils in respect of whom cleansing notices were issued (Section 54(2), Education Act, 1944)	2

4. National Assistance Act, 1948 (Section 47)
National Assistance (Amendment) Act, 1951

The Department was not called upon the deal with any Case during the Year.

5. Old People's Welfare

I am indebted to County Councillor Mrs. J. Noble and Mrs. A. Bishop for supplying the following information regarding the activities of the Old People's Welfare Committee (Age-Concern) in the Urban District during the Year under review.

(a) Night Sitting Service - There was again much demand for this Service and 45 Nights were covered during the Year. More Night-Sitters are urgently required to cover the needs. Any interested person should contact County Councillor Mrs. J. Noble (Sitt. 4634).

(b) Meals-on-Wheels Service - This Service has been working to capacity and there is a waiting list for the Meals, which are served twice each week. An average of 40 Meals are provided weekly. All avenues are being explored to see if this Service can be expanded in any way.

(c) Library Service - It is proposed to organise a Library Service for the housebound in the Urban District, in the near future.

(d) Visiting Service - During the Year a total number of 66 Visitors were on the Register to be called upon to visit and look after the needs of our Senior Citizens. 458 elderly people were regularly visited during the Year. Assistance with this Service was received from Senior Girls from the Grammar School, the Convent and Rowena School. Members of St. John Ambulance Brigade and the British Red Cross gave their services in care of the feet; hair washing and bed bathing.

(e) The Luncheon Centre - After being temporarily 'housed' at the Town Hall, this Luncheon Centre moved to the Old People's Warden's Scheme at Pembury Court in April, 1972, since when it has been operating most successfully. During the Year a total of 2,047 meals were served at this Centre.

(f) Medical Day Centre - It is proposed to make an approach to the Hospital Management Committee for a Medical Day Centre to be opened at Keycol Hospital. It is hoped that permission will be given to enable the Centre to be operating as soon as possible as it is felt that such a project would be of immense benefit for the welfare of all people in the District.

(g) Social Report - During the Year the fund-raising efforts consisted of two coffee mornings and a stall in the Sittingbourne Market. All of these efforts proved to be most successful and the Funds of the Welfare Committee benefited considerably. The Annual Party for the housebound was held in the Town Hall in July when well over 100 people attended and were entertained to tea and community singing.

(h) Accommodation and Clubs - There are now three Old People's Warden's Schemes in the Urban District and a Fourth Scheme, at Wyllie Court, Milton, will be opened early in 1973. These Schemes provide much needed accommodation for the Senior Citizens of the area. The two Old People's Clubs at Milton and Murston have continued to operate successfully and have again provided much entertainment and excellent facilities for their Members during the Year.

(i) Conclusion - The sincere thanks of the Committee are extended to all Organisers and Helpers for continuing to give their whole-hearted support to ensure that all the Services provided functioned during yet another Year for the benefit of the Senior Citizens of the Urban District.

SECTION V

SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE AREA

1. Water Supply

All the dwellings (10,650) within the Urban District are supplied from the public water mains of the Medway Water Board.

The supply has, during the Year under review, been adequate both in quality and quantity.

26 samples of water (4 from the public supply and 22 from private supplies) were submitted for bacteriological examination. The results received from the Public Health Laboratory indicated that these samples were satisfactory.

2. Drainage and Sewerage

During the Year, extensions to the Council's sewerage system were carried out to serve new housing development within the Area.

The works of improvement at the Sewage Works were completed during the Year.

The annual treatment against Rodents in the Council's sewerage system was carried out during the period from 1st to 23rd May, 1972.

A test-baiting of the sewers was carried out on the 1st and 2nd May and a recording of the baits in the following week indicated that there were 11 'Takes' (5 Complete and 6 Partial) out of a total number of 98 manholes baited.

The main treatment was carried out during the period from 8th to 23rd May and the results showed that there were 2 Complete and 3 Partial 'Takes' in the 125 manholes treated.

The Poison used was Warfarin and the Baits used were Pinhead Oatmeal, Sugar, Technical White Oil and a Preservative Paranitrophenal.

The results obtained indicated that the incidence of infestation in the Town's sewerage system remained low and the position could be considered satisfactory.

3. Scavenging

The administration of the Council's refuse collection and disposal service is under the control of the Engineer and Surveyor.

Disposal of refuse is by controlled tipping at the Council's site at Milton.

The programme of conversion to Paper Sack Holders was continued during the Year when a total number of 785 Standing Holders were supplied to Householders. 9,236 premises have now been changed to the Paper Sack System.

The programme of conversion to Paper Sack Holders for the whole of the Urban District will be completed by the end of May, 1973.

4. School Sanitation

Routine inspections have been carried out during the Year, when it was found that the past high standard of sanitation has been maintained.

16 visits were made to School Canteens. Kitchen hygiene was found to be of a high standard.

5. Public Conveniences

24 visits were made to the Public Conveniences in the Urban District.

A complaint was received as to the condition of one Public Convenience. The matters complained of were put right.

Vandelism continues in Public Conveniences; apparently an expressive symptom of the times.

No charges are made for the use of Public Conveniences.

6. Swimming Baths

(a) Public Swimming Baths

16 samples of water were submitted for bacteriological examination. The reports received from the Public Health Laboratory indicated that satisfactory standards of purity were maintained.

The total number of bathers using the pool during the Year was 96,714 as compared with 82,467 in 1971.

Indoor Bowling ceased at the Swimming Baths on 31st March, 1972. It is the Council's intention that the premises shall be used for Swimming throughout the Year.

(b) School Swimming Baths

6 samples of water taken from the small open-air swimming baths at two Schools situated in the Urban District, were submitted for bacteriological examination.

The results indicated that the water at each School was maintained in a generally satisfactory condition.

7. Mortuary Accommodation

The Mortuary facilities used by the Council accommodated 25 bodies during the Year.

The arrangements continued to prove satisfactory.

8. Service of Notices requiring the Execution of Works or the Abatement of Nuisances

(a) Informal Notices served	-	79
(b) Statutory Notices served	-	48
(c) Informal Notices complied with	-	70
(d) Statutory Notices complied with	-	13
(e) Informal Notices outstanding	-	94
(f) Statutory Notices outstanding	-	70
(g) Notices dealt with in default of compliance with Statutory Notices	-	3

(Note: The majority of the Statutory Notices shown under (f) above were served at the end of the Year. These have since either been written off or been complied with)

9. Visits made by the Public Health Inspectors

The number of visits paid by the Public Health Inspectors during the Year is shown in Appendix "D".

10. Complaints

During the Year, a total of 78 complaints were received from tenants of non-Council Houses and 19 from tenants of Council Houses, in connection with alleged unsatisfactory conditions.

In addition, 320 complaints were received regarding defective dustbins and requests were made for the provision of Paper Sack Holders and Paper Sacks.

These complaints were investigated and appropriate action was taken to remedy the conditions found.

SECTION VI

INSPECTION AND SUPERVISION OF FOOD

1. Milk Supply

The Milk (Special Designation) Regulations, 1960

Under the provisions of the above-named Regulations, this Authority is responsible for registering all Retailers within the Urban District as Distributors of Milk. The number of Retailers registered is 63.

The Kent County Council is the Authority responsible for the issue of Licences for the Sale of designated Milks and these Licences are valid for five years from the date of issue.

Examination of Milk Supplies

(i) 29 samples of Milk were submitted for bacteriological or other prescribed examination to the Public Health Laboratory, Maidstone. The bulk of the supply is in the hands of two or three main suppliers and it seems unnecessary to duplicate samples from different purveyors obtaining their supplies from the same source.

(ii) The following Table shows details of the results obtained:-

TABLE XIII

Designation	Number of Samples	Result	
		Satisfactory	Un-Satisfactory
Pasteurised	29 (33)	29 (27)	- (6) *

* Figures in brackets relate to the preceding Year.

2. Meat

One private slaughterhouse was licensed for the use of Butchers in the Town and 174 visits were paid to this slaughterhouse during the Year.

The number of animals presented for slaughter was 1,058 as compared with 977 in the previous Year.

The small amount of meat condemned in the slaughterhouse (5,725½ lbs.) was disposed of under guarantee to a firm of bi-product manufacturers.

The Department's transport collects foodstuffs condemned in Food Shops and this is disposed of under suitable safeguards at the Council's Tip.

Details of foodstuffs, of all types, condemned during the Year are shown in Appendix "C".

Table XIV shows the details of the animals slaughtered and inspected, together with the numbers affected with disease.

TABLE XIV

	Cattle excluding Cows	Cows	Calves	Sheep and Lambs	Pigs	Horses	Total
Number Killed ... ... (if known)	206	19	3	406	424	-	1,058
Number Inspected ...	206	19	3	406	424	-	1,058
All Diseases except Tuberculosis and Cysticerci							
Whole Carcases condemned	-	8	-	4	1	-	13
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned	16	6	-	10	71	-	103
Percentage of the number inspected affected with disease other than Tuberculosis and Cysticerci	7.7	73.6	-	3.4	17.0	-	10.9 (10.2)*
Tuberculosis Only							
Whole Carcases condemned	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned ...	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Percentage of the number inspected affected with Tuberculosis	-	-	-	-	-	-	- (0.1)*
Cysticercosis							
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Carcases submitted to treatment by refrigeration	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Generalised and totally condemned ...	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

* Figures in brackets relate to the preceding Year.

3. The Diseases of Animals (Waste Foods) Order, 1957

1 person was licensed under this Order as at 31st December, 1972.

5 visits were made during the Year to ensure that compliance with the conditions imposed by the Order were being observed.

4. Other Foodstuffs Examined

The details of Foodstuffs of all types condemned during the Year are shown in Appendix "C".

31 complaints relating to the presence of foreign bodies, or other contamination, in food were made during the Year.

The foreign bodies or other contamination complained of were:-

(a) Insect (beetle) in Pint Bottle of Milk.
(b) Piece of Metal in Cornish Pasty and Condition of Cornish Pasties.
(c) Condition of Pork Pie; Condition of Corned Beef; Condition of Beef Sausages and Condition of Steak and Kidney.
(d) Foreign Body in Minced Beef.
(e) Piece of Metal in Pork Luncheon Meat.
(f) Mould in Steak and Onions (tinned).
(g) Condition of Salmon (tinned).
(h) Insects in Loaf of Bread (2 Cases).
(i) Piece of Metal in Bread Roll.
(j) Wasp in Bread Roll.
(k) Foreign matter (grease) in Loaf of Bread.
(l) Mildew on Loaf of Bread.
(m) Mould in Cheese.
(n) Fly in Cheese.
(o) Mould on Tea Buns and Mould on Chocolate covered Sponge Cake.
(p) Insects in Cereals.
(q) Condition of Butter.
(r) Foreign Body in Frozen Fish.
(s) Foreign Bodies in Bovril.
(t) Condition of Chocolates.
(u) Condition of Tablets.
(v) Foreign Body (Snail) in Blackcurrant Jam.
(w) Mouse droppings in Cream Slices; in Bread Crumbs and in Bread Roll.

8 cases were referred to the Weights and Measures Department of the Kent County Council. Information received indicates that in 4 cases written cautions were issued to the Firms concerned; no action was taken in 1 case and in 3 cases the total fines of £90 with £25 costs were made on the Firms involved.

The Department is grateful for the continued help and co-operation received from the County Analyst during the Year, to assist with the identification of foreign matter and various insects.

5. Shellfish

Vendors of Shellfish were visited and conditions found were satisfactory.

No cases of illness, attributable to Shellfish, were reported during the Year

6. Fish Frying

8 fish frying establishments are in operation in the Urban District.

54 visits of inspection were made during the Year.

The standard of hygiene continues to be satisfactory.

7. Ice Cream

The number of premises registered for the manufacture, storage or sale of Ice Cream are:-

Sale and Storage of Ice Cream	103	(95)*
Storage of Ice Cream	1	(1)
Manufacture of Ice Cream	1	(1)

3 samples of Ice Cream were submitted for examination by the Provisional Modified Methylene Blue Reductase Test.

The results of the samples examined were as follows:-

	1972	1971
Grade I	3 (100%)	14 (100%)*
Grade II	- (-)	- (-)
Grade III	- (-)	- (-)
Grade IV	- (-)	- (-)

The majority of Ice Cream sold in the Urban District is produced by National Manufacturers and invariably is sold pre-packed. No difficulty has been experienced in the supervision of this Trade during the Year.

* Figures in brackets relate to the preceding Year.

8. Bakehouses

5 bakehouses are registered and in operation in the Area.

95 visits of inspection were made during the Year. As a result of these Inspections, 1 informal notice was served.

9. Restaurants

The number of restaurant kitchens (including Works Canteens and School Kitchens) in the Area is - 32.

180 visits were made to these premises during the Year and 1 informal notice was served in connection with matters of a minor nature found during such inspections.

10. Public Houses

The number of Public Houses in the Area is - 40.

72 visits of inspection were made during the Year and 2 informal notices were served as a result of these inspections.

Certain improvements were carried out during the Year, particularly in connection with the provision of better sanitary accommodation and the installation of wash-hand basins and hot and cold water supplies in kitchens. These improvements were timely in view of the increase in the demand for foodstuffs to be provided at Public Houses.

The standard for this type of premises has been raised considerably in recent years.

11. Food Preparing Premises

24 premises are registered for the manufacture of sausages and preserved foods.

270 visits of inspection were made to these premises during the Year. No notices were required to be served as a result of these inspections as it was found that all premises concerned were being maintained to the satisfaction of the Department.

12. General Hygiene in Food Premises

On the whole the standard of hygiene is satisfactory. There is, however, a continued need for awareness of the dangers which can arise from uncovered food on display in shop premises, particularly during warm weather. An increase in the use of refrigerated display counters would improve the position.

13. Details of Inspection

These details are shown in Appendix "D".

14. The Number and Type of Food Premises in the Area

These details are shown in Appendix "F".

15. Samples taken by the Food and Drugs Authority

Mr. J. Stokoe, Chief Inspector, Weights and Measures Department of the Kent County Council, has once again very kindly supplied details of samples of food taken by the County Sampling Officers in the Urban District of Sittingbourne and Milton, during 1972, under the Food and Drugs Act, 1955.

I am very grateful for this information, which is detailed on Pages 40 and 41.

Details of Samples taken by the County Sampling Officers within the Urban District of Sittingbourne and Milton During the Year ended 31st December, 1972

Details of Samples Taken	Number of Samples Taken	Satis-factory	Unsatis-factory
Milk	23	22	1
Tinned Meats, Meat, Fish, Fish and Meat Pastes	20	17	3
Sugar, Sugar Confectionery, Flour Confectionery, Chocolate Products and Cereals	23	17	6
Tea, Coffee, Cocoa, Beverages. Minerals and Cordials	1	1	-
Jams, Preserves, Honey and Jellies ...	4	3	1
Dried Fruit, Raw Fruit, Vegetables, Tinned Fruit and Vegetables	6	6	-
Pickles, Sauces, Vinegar and Condiments	7	7	-
Beer, Wines and Spirits	9	8	1
Drugs and Medicines	13	10	3
Miscellaneous	6	6	-
Totals	112	97	15

Unsatisfactory Samples

Gin

Deficient 1% Proof Spirit. Follow-up sample satisfactory.

Pork Chipolatas

No declaration of preservative. Notice now displayed.

Pork Sausages

Contained only 60% meat. Follow-up sample satisfactory.

Blackcurrant Jam

Contained a snail. Newtime Foods Limited, Newtime Works, High Street, Battle, Sussex, were found guilty and given an Absolute Discharge on payment of £10 Costs at Sittingbourne Magistrates' Court on 3rd July, 1972.

White Loaf

Contained a bread beetle. Source of contamination not identified.

Apple Turnover

Affected by mould. Bakers cautioned.

Medicinal Tablets

Deficient in Paraformaldehyde. Claim to relieve rheumatism suspect. Follow-up sample satisfactory. Correspondence with firm on rheumatism relief claims.

Pork Luncheon Meat

Contained a piece of metal. Importers cautioned.

Chocolate Covered Sponge

Chocolate covering rancid and mould present. A.E. Barrow and Sons Ltd., Carlton Cafe, Sittingbourne, fined £15 and £5 Costs at Sittingbourne Magistrates' Court on 6th November, 1972.

Vitamin Tablets

Deficient in vitamins. Follow-up sample satisfactory.

Bread Roll

Contained a Wasp. Bakers cautioned.

Flour

Contained a meal moth. Retailers cautioned.

Pasteurised Milk

Bottle soiled by mould. Dairy cautioned.

Medicinal Tablets

Unfit for use due to overlong storage. Tablets destroyed and retailer cautioned.

Bread Roll

Contained a piece of aluminium. Bowketts Cakes Limited, 40 Berkeley Square, London, W.1., fined £75 and £10 Costs at Sheerness Magistrates' Court on 12th March, 1973.

SECTION VII

DISINFECTION, DISINFESTATION AND RODENT CONTROL

1. Disinfection

(i) Disinfection of rooms (11) in dwelling houses was continued to be carried out during the Year in cases of infectious disease, when required.

(ii) All Library Books found at premises where a case of notifiable disease has occurred have been disinfected by formaldehyde before being returned to circulation.

2. Disinfestation

(i) The following tables indicate the work carried out during the Year:-

(a) Bed Bugs

	Infestations			
	Premises		Rooms	
Council Houses	2	(2)	5	(2)*
Other Houses	1	(1)	4	(1)
Totals	3	(3)	9	(3)

(b) Fleas

Council Houses	1	(1)	1	(6)
Other Houses	1	(-)	6	(-)
Other Premises	-	(1)	-	(2)
Totals	2	(2)	7	(8)

(c) Other Insect Pests
(Ants, Beetles and Flies, etc.)

Council Houses	15	(6)	36	(18)
Other Houses	29	(16)	50	(34)
Other Premises	4	(3)	4	(5)
Totals	48	(25)	90	(57)

* Figures in brackets relate to the preceding Year.

(ii) Other disinfestations carried out during the Year were as follows:-

(a) The Public Swimming Baths were disinfested on 2 occasions on account of Cockroaches.

(b) The outside walls of 5 Council Houses and 4 non-Council Houses were disinfested on account of Ants.

(c) The outside walls and window frames of Churchill House Old People's Home were disinfested on 3 occasions on account of Red Mite.

(d) The outside walls and window frames of 26 Flats at Wells House were disinfested on 2 occasions on account of Red Mite.

(e) The outside walls and window frames of 1 Council House and 8 non-Council Houses were disinfested on account of Red Mite.

(f) A treatment against Beetles was carried out at the Green Porch Children's Home.

(g) A treatment against Crickets was carried out at Pembury Court Old People's Home.

(h) A treatment against Cockroaches was carried out at a Factory Canteen and Boiler Room area.

(i) 3 Cells at the Sittingbourne Police Station were treated on account of Infectious Disease.

(j) 26 rooms at 5 Council Houses and 28 rooms at 5 non-Council Houses were disinfested on account of Cat Fleas.

It is interesting to observe that in the majority of cases where a complaint was received concerning infestation by Fleas, Cat Fleas were found to be involved. The necessary advice on how to deal with the Cat itself was given in each case, as well as the necessary disinfestation work in the premises.

(iii) In addition, 100 Wasps' and 9 Bees' Nests were treated and destroyed.

(iv) The main insecticides used during the Year were 5% D.D.T. in Kerosene and Gammexane.

(v) The number of visits made during the Year by the Department's Operator in connection with disinfection and disinfestation was 404 as compared with 314 visits in 1971.

3. Rodent Control

(i) The Council employ one part-time Rodent Operator.

(ii) Table XV gives details of the work carried out during the Year.

(iii) The number of visits made during the Year was 2,567 (including routine survey visits) as against 1,819 visits in the previous Year.

(iv) In addition to the above, the usual maintenance treatment of the Council's sewerage system was carried out during the Year.

TABLE XV

Details	Type of Property			
	Non-Agricultural		Agricultural	
1. Number of Properties in District	11,563	(11,161)	60	(60)*
2. (a) Total Number of Properties (including nearby premises inspected following Notification) ...	387	(449)	11	(12)
(b) Number Infested by:				
(i) Rats	257	(222)	5	(4)
(ii) Mice	215	(190)	4	(3)
3. (a) Total Number of Properties inspected for Rats and/or Mice for reasons other than Notification	11	(25)	4	(7)
(b) Number Infested by:				
(i) Rats	2	(2)	3	(2)
(ii) Mice	1	(2)	1	(2)

* Figures in brackets relate to the preceding Year.

SECTION VIII

HOUSING

1. Inspections

The number and character of inspections carried out during the Year in connection with housing is as follows:-

(a) Total number of dwelling houses inspected during the Year for housing defects	555	(491)*
(b) Number of dwelling houses which were inspected and recorded under the Housing Consolidation Regulations	-	(-)
(c) Number of dwelling houses found to be in a state so dangerous or injurious to health as to be unfit for human habitation	70	(35)
(d) Number of houses found defective in some essential particular	79	(88)
(e) Remedy of defects during the Year without service of formal notice	70	(67)
(f) Reinspection of houses	1,096	(784)
(g) Action under the Statutory Powers during the Year:-		
(i) Proceedings under Section 9 of the Housing Act, 1957	-	(-)
(ii) Proceedings under Public Health Act	48	(40)
(iii) Proceedings under Section 16 of the Housing Act, 1957	5	(24)

* Figures in brackets relate to the preceding Year.

(iv) Action under Section 42 of the Housing Act, 1957:-

No. of Areas represented as unfit.	No. of Dwellings in the Area.	No. of Dwellings demolished during the Year.
- (1)	- (13)	- (13)

2. Provision of Houses

I am indebted to Mr. A. W. Lloyd, Engineer and Surveyor, for kindly supplying the following information in connection with the number of houses built each Year since the end of the War:-

TABLE XVI

Year	Council Houses Temporary	Council Houses Permanent	Police & Fireman Houses	Private Enterprise	War destroyed Houses re-built	Total
1946	Ø 50	33	-	2	-	85
1947	-	57	-	5	-	62
1948	-	44	-	3	2	49
1949	-	70	-	3	8	81
1950	-	72	-	7	8	87
1951	-	82	-	8	4	94
1952	-	140	2	2	-	144
1953	-	118	-	3	-	121
1954	-	200	11	34	-	245
1955	-	94	6	13	-	113
1956	-	82	-	52	-	134
1957	-	72	-	128	-	200
1958	-	57	1	98	-	156
1959	-	78	-	80	-	158
1960	-	72	-	118	-	190
1961	-	43	-	128	-	171
1962	-	51	-	191	-	242
1963	-	52	-	268	-	320
1964	-	78	10	382	-	470
1965	-	70	-	266	-	336
1966	-	106	-	270	-	376
1967	-	4	4	475	-	483
1968	-	64	-	330	-	394
1969	-	15	-	158	-	173
1970	-	107	-	226	-	333
1971	-	104	-	317	-	421
1972	-	58	-	324	-	382
Totals	50	2,023	34	3,891	22	6,020

* Figures in brackets relate to the preceding Year.
Ø The demolition of these temporary Council Houses (Pre-Fabs) was finally completed in 1966.

In addition, the following accommodation for Old People has been provided in the Urban District.

(a) An Old People's Warden's Scheme at Churchill House, Portland Avenue, Murston, was opened in 1966. Accommodation comprising 30 single units, plus the Warden's Flat, was provided and occupied.

(b) An Old People's Warden's Scheme at Johnson House, Burley Road, Sittingbourne, was opened in 1968. Accommodation comprising 19 single and 10 double units, plus the Warden's Flat, was provided and occupied.

(c) An Old People's Warden's Scheme at Pembury Court, Pembury Street, Sittingbourne, was opened on the 15th April, 1972. Accommodation comprising 26 single and 6 double units, plus the Warden's Flat, was provided and occupied.

(d) A fourth Old People's Warden's Scheme at Wyllie Court, North Street, Milton, Sittingbourne, will be opened early in 1973.

3. Repair and Maintenance of Houses

(a) The Department continues to give every assistance to Owners of rented accommodation, in getting necessary works of repair carried out. However, it remains difficult to find jobbing Builders who are prepared to deal with such requirements.

(b) Rent Act, 1957

No applications were received during the Year in connection with Certificates of Disrepair.

The position regarding applications received since the Act came into force in 1957, is as follows:-

1.	Number of applications for Certificates of Disrepair	66
2.	Number of Notices (Form 'J') issued by Local Authority to Landlord of proposal to issue a Certificate of Disrepair ...	63
3.	Number of decisions by Local Authority not to issue a Certificate of Disrepair	3
4.	Number of Undertakings (Form 'K') given by Landlord to remedy defects proposed to be included in Certificate of Disrepair	41
5.	Undertakings (Form 'K') not given by Landlord but defects remedied in accordance with requirements of Forms 'J' issued by Local Authority	6
6.	Number of Certificates of Disrepair (Form 'L') issued	17
7.	Applications by Landlords to Local Authority for Cancellation of Certificates of Disrepair	-
8.	Number of Notices (Form 'RC2') issued by Local Authority to Landlord of Cancellation of Certificates of Disrepair	5

(c) Discretionary Improvement Grants -

Housing (Financial Provisions) Act, 1958
(as amended by the House Purchase and Housing Act, 1959, Housing Act, 1961, Housing Act, 1964 and Housing Act, 1969)

During the Year, 96 applications for Grants in connection with Discretionary Improvement Schemes, were submitted to the Council. These were all approved.

The total cost of the works involved in these approved applications amounted to £136,116 and the total of the Grants allowed was £61,294.

There were 102 Completion Certificates issued during the Year and 53 of these were in respect of applications received during the Year 1971 and 1 in respect of an application received during 1970.

Since the Act came into force, the Council has received and approved 628 applications. Of these, 548 were completed by 31st December, 1972. In addition, 27 applications have been cancelled at the applicants' request.

(d) Standard Improvement Grants -

House Purchase and Housing Act, 1959
(as amended by the Housing Act, 1961, Housing Act, 1964 and Housing Act, 1969)

During the Year, 9 applications for Grants in connection with Standard Improvement Schemes were submitted to the Council. All of these were approved.

There were 17 Completion Certificates issued during the Year. 6 of these were in respect of applications received and approved during 1971.

Since the Act came into force, the Council has received and approved 244 applications and 230 of these were completed by 31st December, 1972. In addition, 7 applications have been cancelled at the Applicants' request.

The total cost of the work involved in the 230 completed applications amounted to £47,995 and the total of the Grants allowed was £22,210.

(e) Special Grants -

Housing Act, 1969

This new kind of assistance, for the provision of basic amenities for the overall benefit of houses in multiple occupation, payable at the discretion of the Local Authority, was introduced under the above-named Act.

No applications were received during the Year under review.

(f) Details in connection with Improvement Grants, both Discretionary and Standard, are shown in Tables XVII and XVIII.

(g) Housing Acts, 1957 and 1964 (Improvements to Council Houses)

Under the provisions of these Acts, a total of 359 Council Houses had been improved and modernised up to the 31st December, 1972.

(h) Progress of Five-Year's Slum Clearance Programme

During the Year, 5 unfit houses were dealt with by way of Undertakings, Closing Orders or Demolition Orders.

A Summary of Houses dealt with in Slum Clearance Programmes during the period from 1945 to 1972 inclusive, is shown in Appendix "H".

(i) Rehousing - Removal Expenses

In connection with the Council's Slum Clearance Programme, 22 cases upon being rehoused applied for their removal expenses to be paid by the Council, the total cost involved being £164.50.

Under the Authority of Council Minute No. 507(5) dated October, 1959, these applications were paid by the Council.

(j) Housing Act, 1969 - Qualification Certificates

Since the Act came into force, 133 applications for Qualification Certificates were received up to 31st December, 1972, as follows:-

Section 44(1) - Where the dwelling already satisfies the conditions

58 applications received.
31 Qualification Certificates issued.
18 applications Cancelled at applicants' request.
2 Notices of Refusal issued.

Section 44(2) - Where the dwelling does not have all the standard amenities

75 applications received.
32 Qualification Certificates issued.
5 applications Cancelled at applicants' request.
52 Certificates of Provisional Approval issued.

TABLE XVII

DISCRETIONARY IMPROVEMENT GRANTS

Year	Number of Improvement Schemes Submitted and Approved	Number of Completion Certificates Issued	Number of Approved Schemes Cancelled at Applicants' Request	Total Cost of Approved Applications £	Total Amount of Grant £
1955	25	8	2	4,888	2,436
1956	19	24	2	5,856	2,919
1957	29	24	-	10,118	4,947
1958	15	21	-	5,326	2,654
1959	32	24	-	13,128	6,563
1960	40	29	2	18,106	9,035
1961	24	30	1	13,511	6,745
1962	24	27	2	11,429	5,702
1963	27	22	1	14,185	7,077
1964	29	32	-	15,315	7,637
1965	27	9	-	15,841	7,911
1966	17	27	-	11,326	5,610
1967	26	23	-	16,587	8,288
1968	25	26	1	18,072	8,502
1969	39	26	-	26,047	12,771
1970	41	41	4	38,158	19,064
1971	93	53	5	96,437	48,537
1972	96	102	7	136,116	61,294
Totals	628	548	27	470,356	227,692

TABLE XVIII

STANDARD IMPROVEMENT GRANTS

Year	Number of Improvement Schemes Submitted and Approved	Number of Completion Certificates Issued	Number of Approved Schemes Cancelled at Applicants' Request
1959	4	2	-
1960	16	12	-
1961	10	10	-
1962	15	11	2
1963	14	19	-
1964	27	20	1
1965	16	13	-
1966	22	20	-
1967	17	21	-
1968	22	21	-
1969	18	15	1
1970	27	28	2
1971	27	21	-
1972	9	17	1
Totals	244	230	7

4. Rehousing

I am grateful for the information given to me by Mr. B.King, Housing Officer, as set out below, regarding rehousing in the Urban District during the Year under review.

It was found possible to provide housing accommodation for 214 families as follows:-

(a) 42 families rehoused in pre-war Council Houses (30)*
(b) 167 families rehoused in post-war Council Houses and Flats (205)
(c) 5 families rehoused in privately owned Houses by arrangement with Owners' consent (11)

5. Housing Applications

The Housing Officer has also very kindly supplied the following information regarding Housing Applications.

The following Table shows the details of the number of applicants in the various categories on the Council's Housing List at 31st December, 1972:-

TABLE XIX

	No.	%
1. Applicants living in rooms as sub-tenants or lodgers within the Urban District	265	(44.9)
2. Applicants for Old Persons' Dwellings	184	(31.2)
3. Applicants who are tenants of houses within the Urban District	140	(23.8)
Total	589	

Footnote: * Figures in brackets relate to the preceding Year.

SECTION IX

THE OFFICES, SHOPS AND RAILWAY PREMISES ACT, 1963

(a) Registration and Inspection

The total number of Premises on the Register at 31st December, 1972, was 304. This figure compares with 313 at the end of the previous Year.

33 Registrations were cancelled during the Year and Table I below details the classification of the Premises concerned, together with the reasons for cancellation.

119 General Inspections were carried out during the Year. This figure compares with 68 in the previous Year.

The number of visits of all kinds by Inspectors to Registered Premises during the Year was 366. This figure compares with 255 in the previous Year.

TABLE I

Reason	Offices	Shops	Catering Establish. open to Public	Wholesale Depots and Warehouses	Fuel Storage Depots	Totals
Premises Vacated	1	2	-	-	-	3
Business Closed	5	7	-	1	1	14
Change of Ownership	1	9	1	-	-	11
Premises Demolished	2	-	3	-	-	5
Totals	9	18	4	1	1	33

(b) Operation of the General Provisions of the Act

Of the Premises receiving a general inspection during the Year, in 107 cases (90%) the Premises complied with the requirements of the Act.

Notifications were sent to the responsible persons in respect of the 12 (10%) Premises which revealed contraventions of the Act.

Table II sets out the types of contraventions found upon inspection.

TABLE II

Defects Found	Offices	Shops	Catering Establish. open to Public	Wholesale Depots and Warehouses	Fuel Storage Depots	Totals
Absence of Thermometer	2	3	-	-	-	5
Absence of First Aid Kit	2	3	-	-	-	5
Abstract of Act not displayed	1	-	-	-	-	1
Absence of suitable Washing facilities	-	2	-	-	-	2
Absence of Hot Water supply to Wash-Hand Basin	1	5	-	-	-	6
Absence of Drinking Water supply	-	2	-	-	-	2
Absence of suitable Sanitary accommodation	-	2	-	-	-	2
Absence of suitable means of ventilation	1	1	-	-	-	2
Absence of suitable means of Heating	-	1	-	-	-	1
Absence of Artificial Lighting in Water Closet Compartment	-	1	-	-	-	1
Unsatisfactory condition of decoration of Walls, Ceilings, Doors and Windows in Water Closet Compartment	-	4	-	-	-	4
Defective Floor Covering	-	4	-	-	-	4
Absence of suitable Floor Covering in Water Closet Compartment	1	-	-	-	-	1
Defective and worn concrete Floor in Store Room	-	2	-	-	-	2
Defective condition of Paving in Rear Yard	-	1	-	-	-	1
Defective and dangerous condition of Floor in room at rear of Shop	-	1	-	-	-	1
Totals c/f.	8	32	-	-	-	40

Defects Found	Offices	Shops	Catering Establish. Open to Public	Wholesale Depots and Warehouses	Fuel Storage Depots	Totals
Totals b/f.	8	32	-	-	-	40
Removal of Accumulations of Waste Paper etc.	-	4	-	-	-	4
Request for Lift Control Area to be kept clear at all times	-	1	-	-	-	1
Lack of adequate protection to landing gates of Lift	-	1	-	-	-	1
Defective condition of Lift Cage	-	1	-	-	-	1
Defective Landing Gates	-	1	-	-	-	1
Defective and worn Landing end Car Gate Locks	-	1	-	-	-	1
Defective condition of all parts of Lift due to wear and age	-	1	-	-	-	1
Water in Lift Pit	-	1	-	-	-	1
Totals	8	43	-	-	-	51

(c) Accidents

Four notifications (Forms OSR.2) were received in respect of accidents occurring during the Year. One accident occurred in the 2nd Quarter; two accidents in the 3rd Quarter and one accident in the 4th Quarter.

Details of these accidents are as follows:-

(i) This notification was in respect of an accident sustained by a man who was operating a band saw in the butchery department of a local Supermarket.

At the time of the accident, which resulted in a badly cut left thumb, the Operative was sawing a frozen pork loin into chops. Full instructions on the correct method of operating the band saw were displayed adjacent to the machine, but an examination of the machine and a demonstration of its use suggested that there were certain practical difficulties which arose if it was used in the way outlined on the displayed notice of operating procedure. It seemed evident that the machine was rarely used in the way suggested by the Manufacturers. The Operatives interviewed stated that it was more dangerous to operate the machine in the suggested manner, and they did, in fact, operate the machine in their own particular way from the side and not from the front of the machine. A practical demonstration suggested that there was some substance in this assertion.

The difficulties and dangers arising from the use of the machine were reported to H.M. Factory Inspectorate, when it was stated that the Inspectorate were very well aware of the dangers from the use of the machine in question. Several accidents had occurred to operators and the problem was being discussed with their Engineering Branch, who were carrying out experimental work to ensure the safe working of the machine.

(ii) A Notification was received of an accident occurring whilst a Postman was pushing a delivery truck over a ramp at the entry to the Post Office yard. The man received injuries when the truck handles struck him on the left side of his chest.

It was found that the ramp in question had recently been lowered and no previous accident had occurred. The ramp was also clearly marked. It was not found possible to suggest any way to prevent a similar accident occurring and no further action was taken.

(iii) This Notification was in respect of a Telephone Engineer receiving a strained back whilst loading stores into his van. It was found there was no reason for such an accident occurring and no further action was taken.

(iv) A Notification was received from a local food premises regarding an accident sustained by a Female Employee. The Employee sustained laceration and bruising of the right foot whilst moving boxes of butter on a trolley into a lift. The trolley overturned and the boxes of butter fell on the Employee's foot.

An investigation of the accident was carried out and the trolley was examined. It was found that due to a ¼" difference in the level between the lift floor and the general building floor much difficulty was caused in the manoeuvring of the trolley into the lift.

The Manager of the Branch Premises was advised to approach the Firm's Engineer to see if an adjustment could be made to the lift level to obviate the difference between the lift and floor levels. It was felt that this could be the means to prevent a similar accident occurring in the future.

(d) Prosecutions

It was again found unnecessary for the Council to take any action by way of prosecution during the Year.

(e) Annual Report

The Annual Report (OSR.14) giving details of types of Premises Registered, General Inspections, Visits, Persons Employed, Exemptions, Prosecutions, etc., is shown under Appendix "I".

SECTION X

MISCELLANEOUS

1. National Assistance Act, 1948 (Section 50)
National Assistance (Amendment) Act, 1951

The Department was called upon to deal with 3 Cases during the Year.

In one Case, a Male aged 72 years, no further action was taken by the Department upon relatives being found by the Police who were willing to assume responsibility for the interment of this man.

In the Case of a Female, aged 85 years, the Department arranged for the interment in accordance with the requirements of the Act. Due to the age of this person there was no Death Grant allowable by the Ministry of Social Security.

Arrangements for the interment of the third Case, a Male aged 58 years, were made by the Department in accordance with the requirements of the Act. This Case was fatally injured in a road accident and details of the interment expenses were submitted to a Firm of Assessors for inclusion in a claim being pursued by them on behalf of the dependants. The claim continues to be argued and discussed by this Firm of Assessors with an Insurance Company and, upon complete settlement, there should be no financial demands upon the Department in this Case.

2. Air Pollution

Complaints continued to be received concerning the periodic smell of sulphuretted hydrogen which pervades parts of the town particularly during adverse weather conditions. This arises from the pollution of the Creek and also from an industrial source.

Efforts continued during the year by the Kent River Authority to secure an improvement in the effluents being discharged into the Creek. So far as the industrial source is concerned steps are being taken to reduce the smell from this source. The problem, however, is a complex one and no ready-made solution is available.

3. The Noise Abatement Act, 1960

1 complaint was received during the Year.

This complaint was investigated by the Department and found to be due to noise being made in connection with repairs being carried out to motor vehicles.

The complaint was dealt with in an informal manner to the satisfaction of the Complainant.

4. Scrap Metal Dealers Act, 1964

This Act came into effect on the 1st April, 1965 and Certificates of Registration are valid for a period of three years from the date of issue.

8 Certificates of Registration were issued in the Urban District during 1971 and these current Certificates are due for renewal during 1974.

5. The Riding Establishments Act, 1964

There are no Riding Establishments licensed under this Act situate within the Urban District.

6. Home Safety

The Home Safety Committee met on two occasions during the Year.

A Return of Unused Drugs Campaign was carried out during the Period from 2nd to 14th October, 1972. Posters were printed and distributed, in addition to those received from ROSPA, to local Chemists, Doctors' Surgeries, Clinics, Factories, as well as being displayed at the Council Offices. As there was no suitable leaflet for the Campaign, 7,000 paper bags were purchased and distributed to Chemists in the area, to be used for bottles etc. These bags carried a slogan on one side "Stop Home Accidents" and "Keep Medicines Away from Children". On the other side there was printed "Hints Regarding the Taking and The Disposal of Medicines".

The local Press were included in this Campaign and arrangements were made for advertisements to be published two weeks prior to the Campaign being carried out. A Report regarding the Campaign was also included in these editions. Radio Medway also publicised the Campaign.

There was a good return of unused Medicines and Drugs during the period of the Campaign, and the Home Safety Committee agreed that any future Campaigns of the Medway and Mid-Kent Pharmacists should be supported, but would be recommending that such Campaigns should be organised every two years.

The ROSPA Home Safety Campaigns were supported and posters were distributed throughout the district drawing attention to the need to read and follow the instructions in order that fire, poisoning and electric shock accidents would be prevented. A Winter Campaign also covered Guy Fawkes and Christmas Celebrations regarding safety in connection with indoor and outdoor fireworks.

The main accidents in the Home during the Year were found to be due to Falls, Cuts, Burns and Scalds and Poisonings. In the cases where it was found necessary for Hospital treatment, Patients continued to be taken to the Casualty Department at Medway Hospital, Gillingham.

7. Poison Bean Necklaces

Following National publicity in connection with the danger which could arise from certain types of bean necklaces purchased abroad and brought home to this Country, mainly by Tourists and persons returning from holidays, necklaces were handed into the Department for destruction.

APPENDIX "A"

RAINFALL

Recorded at Highsted Waterworks

Rainfall (Millimetres)

Month	1967	1968	1969	1970	1971	1972
January	50	52	79	70	75	83
February	54	74	54	48	23	53
March	63	32	58	58	66	53
April	83	60	17	52	41	48
May	75	56	65	24	57	36
June	63	42	38	14	129	30
July	34	63	126	39	35	46
August	55	113	77	52	71	35
September	83	198	19	93	11	59
October	99	82	3	18	69	7
November	73	53	133	142	52	49
December	52	67	63	61	31	81
Total Rainfall (Millimetres)	784	892	732	671	660	580

APPENDIX "B"

TEMPERATURES
(Centigrade)

Recorded at Borden Grammar School

Month	Maximum (Centigrade) 1969	1970	1971	1972	Minimum (Centigrade) 1969	1970	1971	1972
January	16°	11°	11°	10°	- 1°	- 6°	- 7°	-11°
February ...	12°	14°	13°	11°	- 8°	- 6°	- 2°	- 9°
March ...	14°	18°	14°	19°	- 4°	- 5°	- 2°	- 1°
April ...	22°	17°	19°	17°	- 4°	- 3°	1°	5°
May ...	31°	26°	26°	20°	4°	4°	2°	3°
June ...	29°	29°	25°	22°	5°	7°	4°	7°
July ...	34°	31°	29°	28°	8°	8°	6°	10°
August ...	35°	27°	26°	24°	8°	8°	4°	9°
September ...	31°	27°	26°	21°	3°	7°	4°	6°
October ...	24°	22°	23°	19°	2°	2°	- 2°	1°
November ...	21°	17°	16°	15°	- 3°	- 2°	- 2°	0°
December ...	14°	13°	16°	12°	- 3°	- 2°	- 4°	- 3°

APPENDIX "C"

DETAILS OF FOODSTUFFS OF ALL TYPES

CONDEMNED DURING 1972

	Lbs.	Lbs.
(a) Condemned at Slaughterhouse:-		
Carcase of a Cow - Acute Fever, with Oedema and Fractured Pelvis	480	
Carcase of a Cow - Pathological Emaciation with Fever	450	
Carcase of a Cow - Found Dead - Badly Bled - Toxaemia	530	
Carcase of a Cow - Fevered Carcase with extensive and severe Bruising and Oedema ...	480	
Carcase of a Cow - Extensive and severe Bruising with Oedema and Fever	560	
Carcase of a Cow - Fractured Pelvis with Broken Leg, Oedema and Badly Bled	600	
Carcase of a Cow - Septicaemia with Oedema	600	
Carcase of a Cow - Acute Fever with Emaciation ...	630	
3 Carcases of Sheep - Pathological Emaciation ...	96	
Carcase of a Sheep - Acute Fever	35	
Carcase of a Pig - Septic Pneumonia with Emaciation ..	150	
4 Portions of Cattle - Fractured Pelvis and Extensive and severe Bruising	430	
Portion of Cattle - Broken Leg	110	
Part of a Cow - Broken Leg	100	
Portion of a Pig - Abscesses - Arthritis	20	
Portion of a Pig - Fractured Leg	10	
Edible Offal	444½	5,725½
(b) Condemned in Shops:-		
Meat	1,738	
Miscellaneous Foodstuffs (including Canned Milk, Meat, Fruit, Vegetables, Fish, Jams, etc.)	5,813½	
Frozen Foodstuffs (Defrosted)	4,649	12,200½
(c) Condemned in Warehouse:-		
Tomato Purse (Tinned)	47,938	
Potatoes (Bagged)	73,150	
Orange Juice (Casks)	960	
Cauliflower (Casks)	600	122,648
Total Lbs.		140,574

TOTAL = 62 Tons. 15 Cwts. 0 Qrs. 14 Lbs.

(Total 1971 = 84 Tons. 14 Cwts. 0 Qrs. 6 Lbs.)

APPENDIX "D"

DETAILS OF INSPECTION

Details	Inspections	
Number of Houses -		
Inspected (Complaints or Nuisances)	555	
Reinspected (Complaints or Nuisances)	1,096	
Inspected (Housing Acts)	89	
Reinspected (Housing Acts)	43	
Inspected (Rent Acts)	14	
Inspected (Overcrowding)	16	
Inspected (Multiple Occupation)	23	
Inspected (Improvement Grants)	464	
Inspected (Housing Tenancies)	214	
Inspected (Housing Circumstances)	34	2,548
Inspections -		
Food Premises	325	
Food Vehicles	115	
Restaurants, Cafes, etc.	108	
Factory Canteens	56	
School Canteens	16	
Food Manufacturing Premises	167	
Public Houses	72	
Slaughterhouse	12	
Slaughterhouse (Meat Inspection)	257	
Butchers' Shops	103	
Fried Fish Shops	54	
Dairies and Milk Shops	18	
Ice Cream Premises	55	
Examination of Foodstuffs	141	
Market	52	1,551
General Visits and Inspections -		
Infectious Disease	5	
Contacts of Infectious Disease	22	
Verminous Premises	16	
Insect Pests	39	
Rodent Infestations	148	
Scrap Metal Act	16	
Shops Act	7	
Piggeries (Waste Food Order)	5	
Pet Shops	15	
Public Conveniences	24	
Tents, Vans, Sheds, etc.	6	303
Total c/f.		4,402

	Inspections	
Total b/f.		4,402
Grovehurst Effluent	12	
Noise Abatement Act	3	
Tips	27	
Water Courses, Ditches, etc.	2	
Swimming Baths	31	
Clean Air Act (including smoke observations) ...	76	
Port Health	1	
Contractors and Owners Interviewed	485	
Office Interviews	1,410	
Food Complaints	31	
Miscellaneous Inspections and Visits	735	
Housing Removals - Old Age Pensioners	22	
Old People's Warden's Schemes	312	
Old People's Day Centre	52	
Paper Sacks Scheme	320	3,519
Food and Drugs and Other Sampling -		
Samples of Ice Cream	3	
Samples of Swimming Bath Water - Public	16	
- Schools	6	
Samples of Water Obtained - Bacteriological Examination	26	
Samples of Milk Obtained - Bacteriological Examination	29	
Miscellaneous Bacteriological Specimens	5	85
Other Sampling:- Sewage Samples	5	
Trade Effluent Samples	1	6
Factories -		
Factories with Mechanical Power	135	
Factories without Mechanical Power	6	
Inspection of Workplaces	21	
Visits to Outworkers	17	179
Offices, Shops and Railway Premises Act, 1963 -		
General Inspections	119	
Other Visits	247	366
Total		8,557
		(7,052)*

* Figures in brackets relate to the preceding Year.

APPENDIX "E"

NUISANCES AND DEFECTS REMEDIED DURING 1972

Houses	Totals	
Accumulations removed	15	
Chimney repaired	2	
Ceilings repaired	22	
Dampness abated	33	
Damp-proof courses inserted	16	
Doors and frames repaired	22	
Paper Sack Holders provided	320	
Floors renewed or repaired	14	
Grates or Ovens repaired or renewed	2	
Hot Water systems repaired	2	
Internal Wall Plaster repaired...	15	
Roofs renewed or repaired	42	
Rainwater pipes or gutters renewed or repaired	27	
Staircases repaired	3	
Walls repaired, re-pointed, etc.	17	
Water taps or pipes repaired	5	
Window cords renewed	19	
Window sashes or frames renewed or repaired	43	
Yard paving renewed or repaired	8	
Wash-hand basin renewed	1	
Fencing repaired	1	629
Drainage		
Drains tested, smoke	14	
Drains tested, water	2	
Drains relaid	17	
Drains cleansed	52	
Lavatory basins or sink waste pipes repaired	3	
Soil Pipes or Ventilation Shafts provided or repaired	3	91
Total c/f.		720

Total b/f.		720
Water Closets		
Flushing Apparatus repaired or provided	20	
New Pans provided	2	
Miscellaneous repairs	6	28
Cesspools		
Cesspools emptied		2
Tents, Vans, Sheds, etc.		
Removed		3
Food Shops, Kitchens and Manufacture of Preserved Foods		
Accumulations removed	2	
Cleanliness and decoration improved	3	5
Public Houses		
Sinks with Hot and Cold Water supplied	2	
Sink provided	1	
Ceilings repaired	3	
Walls repaired	2	
Cleanliness and decoration improved	2	
Miscellaneous repairs	3	13
Slaughterhouse		
Cleansing carried out	1	
Repairs carried out	1	2
Total		773
		(937)*

* Figures in brackets relate to preceding Year.

APPENDIX "F"

LIST SHOWING NUMBER AND TYPE OF FOOD SHOPS IN THE AREA

	Type	Number
1.	Meat Shops (including Shops carrying out the preparation and/or manufacture of preserved foods)	24
2.	Restaurants and Dining Room Kitchens (including Works' Canteens and School Kitchens) ...	32
3.	Food Shops	124
4.	Factories handling Food	7
5.	Fried Fish Shops	8
6.	Ice Cream Retailers	103
7.	Milk - Distributors	63
	- Dairies	1
8.	Public Houses	40

APPENDIX "G"

Prescribed Particulars of the Administration
of the Factories Act, 1961

PART I OF THE ACT

1. INSPECTIONS for purpose of provisions as to health (including inspections made by Public Health Inspectors)

Premises (1)	Number on Register (2)	Number Of		
		Inspections (3)	Written Notices (4)	Occupiers Prosecuted (5)
(i) Factories in which Sections 1, 2, 3, 4 and 6 are to be enforced by Local Authorities	-	-	-	-
(ii) Factories not included in (1) in which Section 7 is enforced by Local Authorities	141	135	-	-
(iii) Other Premises in which Section 7 is enforced by Local Authority (excluding out-workers' premises)	11	21	-	-
Totals	152	156	-	-

Particulars (1)	Number of Cases in which defects were found:				Number of Cases in which prosecutions were instituted (6)
	Found (2)	Remedied (3)	Referred to H.M. Inspector (4)	Referred by H.M. Inspector (5)	
Want of Cleanliness (S.1)	-	-	-	-	-
Overcrowding (S.2)	-	-	-	-	-
Unreasonable Temperature (S.3)	-	-	-	-	-
Inadequate Ventilation (S.4)	-	-	-	-	-
Ineffective drainage of Floors (S.6)	-	-	-	-	-
Sanitary Conveniences (S.7):					
(a) Insufficient	-	1	-	-	-
(b) Unsuitable or Defective	-	-	-	-	-
(c) Not separate for sexes	-	-	-	-	-
Other offences against the Act (not including offences relating to outwork)	-	1	-	-	-
Totals	-	2	-	-	-

PART VIII OF THE ACT

OUTWORK

(SECTIONS 133 AND 134)

Nature of Work (1)	Section 133			Section 134		
	No. of out-workers in August list required by Section 133 (2)	No. of cases of default in sending lists to the Council (3)	No. of prosecutions for failure to supply lists (4)	No. of instances of work in unwholesome premises (5)	Notices served (6)	Prosecutions (7)
Fuse Stringing	62	-	-	-	-	-
Wearing Apparel-Making etc.	15	-	-	-	-	-
Curtains and Furniture Hangings	2	-	-	-	-	-
Totals	79	-	-	-	-	-

APPENDIX "H"

Summary of Houses dealt with in Slum Clearance Programme During the Period from 1945 to 1972 (inclusive)

Year or Period	Houses Dealt With in Clearance Areas	Individual Houses dealt with by Undertakings, Closing Orders, or Demolition Orders	Total Number Of Houses Dealt With	Number of Houses Demolished
1945 - 1952	5	15	20	20
1953 - 1957	96	138	234	169
1958 - 1962	74	180	254	281
1963	-	67	67	58
1964	23	49	72	65
1965	-	48	48	80
1966	16	38	54	25
1967	96	73	169	42
1968	-	12	12	87
1969	-	10	10	29
1970	68	5	73	56
1971	13	24	37	19
1972	-	5	5	5
Totals	391	664	1,055	936

APPENDIX "I"

THE OFFICES, SHOPS AND RAILWAY PREMISES ACT, 1963

Annual Report for 1972 (Form OSR.14)

Table A

Class of Premises	Number of Premises Registered during the Year	Total Number of Registered Premises at end of Year	Number of Registered Premises receiving a General Inspection during the Year
Offices	9	88	37
Retail Shops	15	202	71
Wholesale Shops, Warehouses	-	3	1
Catering Establishments open to the Public, Canteens	-	9	9
Fuel Storage Depots	-	2	1
Totals	24	304	119

Table B (Number of Visits of all kinds by Inspectors to Registered Premises)

Table C (Analysis of Persons Employed in Registered Premises by Workplace)

Class of Workplace	Number of Persons Employed
Offices	693
Retail Shops	1,153
Wholesale Departments, Warehouses	10
Catering Establishments open to the Public	57
Canteens	-
Fuel Storage Depots	31
Total	1,944
Total Males - 805	Total Females - 1,139

Table D (Exemptions)

	Class of Premises	Number of Exemptions		
		Current at End of Year	Newly Granted	Expired or Withdrawn
Part I - Space (Sec.5(2)	-	-	-	-
Part II - Temperature (Sec.6)	-	-	-	-
Part III - Sanitary Conveniences (Sec.9)	Retail Shops	1	-	-
Part IV - Washing Facilities (Sec.10)	-	-	-	-

Table E (Prosecutions)

Prosecutions instituted of which the hearing was completed in the Year	=	None
Number of Persons or Companies Prosecuted	=	None
Number of Complaints (or summary applications) made under Section 22	=	None
Number of Interim Orders granted	=	None

Table F (Staff)

Number of Inspectors appointed under Section 52(1) or (5) of the Act	=	4
Number of other Staff employed for most of their time on work in connection with the Act	=	None

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